



The New Generation Singers
St. Joseph, Missouri
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To all of our host churches:

We are anxiously awaiting our departure on this year's tour – we will leave the Ashland United Methodist on Saturday July 14th headed for our first stop in Huron SD. This year will mark the 48th year of our mission to carry God's message in word and song.

Throughout the tour, we will be available on our Executive Director's phone: 816-294-1071. We do not expect any delays, but should one occur, we will be in touch with you ASAP. If a question develops, feel free to call us.

We plan to arrive at each host church at 5:00 p.m. Upon arrival, we would like to meet with someone who is knowledgeable as to where we will perform and the authority to say what can be moved and what can't, in the performance area. We will be asking about dressing rooms and rooms to store our suitcases. Then we would be ready to move our equipment in for the performance. We have all the equipment we need for a performance in our truck.

We should be ready to have a meal, hopefully with members of the congregation, around 6: 15. We suggest a simple "potluck" supper. However, any type of meal is most appreciated. Our totals are approximately 80 Singers and 20 adults including our bus and truck drivers. We encourage a meal that is easy and involves your members because it provides a chance for us to meet the hosts and visit in a relaxed setting.

For an evening performance, we recommend a 7:00 p.m. start time, but we are flexible. We can do up to an hour and a half performance, but usually it runs around an hour and a quarter. We can make any adjustments needed. If we perform for your Sunday service, we would plan to do our sermon in song that is usually 20 minutes in length. We can also supply service music.

At the conclusion of the evening performance, we would meet our host families. We will provide a "current" housing list of boys and girls for home assignments. In a normal circumstance, that number of Singers will require 20 homes, but sometimes families take more than 4 singers.

We are required to not place Singers as singles. They have room partners whom they have chosen, so we ask that they be assigned in multiples of twos as they appear on the housing sheets. The Singers do bring sleeping bags and pillows in the event the host family cannot provide enough beds. We would prefer the Singers on the floor of a home rather than a church floor for two reasons:

1. We want the Singers to meet the hosting church members.
2. In homes, they can have a shower before boarding the bus for another day's ride.

When we know who the hosts are and the Singers are assigned, we will quickly strike the equipment and load it in the truck. If we are to do Sunday worship, the next morning, we wait until after that service to load. With evening performances, once we have loaded the equipment, we will send the Singers to the host homes for the night.

The host families will need to bring the Singers back at the agreed upon time. Usually it is 8:00 a.m. – BUT there are cases where we use an earlier and sometimes a later start. If for any reason hosts need to drop Singers at the church early, we ask that the church be open for them.

While we truly appreciate hospitality, our tour is strenuous, with 15 to 20 performances and long days on the bus, so we suggest no big plans on their behalf. They are grateful for a place to sleep, a shower and a light breakfast.

Our Singers will gladly share information about the group, so feel free to ask questions.

Should your Singers need to do a load of laundry, the decision is up to you and we expect the Singers to do the work, not the hosts.

We do NOT require an offering, but will gratefully accept one, should the church decide to provide one. It will be used to maintain the group, its equipment and scholarships for next year. The Singers actually pay or earn their way to go on this Tour.

We have a website <ngsingers.com> that contains a news release, posters, pictures and a promo video for your church or local television.

Sometimes parental mail is sent to the church for Singers, Please hold it until we arrive and give it to our Executive Director for distribution.

One last thing, we have our adult Sponsors (Chaperones), our truck driver and the bus drivers who stay in a hotel. It keeps them rested and in top shape, but more importantly, it also provides a central location in case of an emergency. We will advise you where we will be and we will need the name and phone number of a contact person. [Usually a Staff member or an assigned Chair] We make those housing arrangements ourselves, but would appreciate a recommendation of an average motel closest to the church.

If you have further questions, feel free to call me, Byron Myers, at 816-294-1071. Again....this is also our “on the road” number.

We are most grateful for agreeing to host our group and look forward to being with you on this, our 48th annual tour.

Please visit our web-site at: www.ngsingers.com to have insight into what and who we are.

Byron Myers

Executive Director – New Generation Singers